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Rod Bowers Selected as Interim Director of Shelby County Corrections

Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr., has appointed Rod Bowers as Interim Director of Corrections for Shelby County Government. He'll begin his duties Monday, March 31st.

"Rod is a veteran of the corrections industry. He's held key leadership positions at both the Shelby County Corrections Center and Shelby County Sheriff's Office. I appreciate his willingness to leave retirement and serve as the Interim Director of Corrections," said Mayor Luttrell.

Bowers, 66, worked with Shelby County Government for 40 years, all of them in the field of corrections. He was hired in 1972 and worked with inmates with special needs. Bowers was later the Director of Mental Health Services and the eventually Chief of Care and Custody of Inmates. In 2004, he joined the Shelby County Sheriff's Office as Assistant Chief of Programs at the Shelby County Jail. He retired November 30th, 2012.

"I appreciate the opportunity to serve as Interim Director of Corrections. Fortunately, there's an excellent team at the corrections center to ensure the safety and security of inmates and staff," said Bowers.

Bowers graduated from the University of Memphis in 1969 with a B.S. in Psychology. He also did post-graduate work there.

Additionally, Bowers is on the board of Grace House, a non-profit agency that assists women with addiction issues.

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